introduced a Resolution on UN Security Council Reform on July 11,2005 in the UN General Assembly. The G-4 Resolution has been co-sponsored by 31 countries and has the support of a large number of other countries. In this framework, there is also steady accretion in support of India's candidature for permanent membership of the UN Security Council. Several countries—permanent members as well as others—have expressed support for India's candidature either in the UN or in the context of bilateral exchanges.

During the visit of the Chinese Premier to India in April 2005, India and China reaffirmed their readiness to conduct close consultations and cooperation in the process of UN reforms. The joint statement issued at the conclusion of the visit stated, *inter-alia,* the following: "The Chinese side also reiterated that India is an important developing country and is having an increasingly important influence in the international arena. China attaches great importance to the status of India in international affairs, ft understands and supports India's aspirations to play an active role in the UN and international affairs."

With regard to the G-4 Resolution, China has opposed putting the resolution to a vote or setting a deadline for it prior to the emergence of a consensus on the issue. In their statement during discussions on the UN Security Council Reform, after the introduction of the G-4 resolution in the UN General Assembly on July 11,2005, China's Permanent Representative to the UN, *inter-alia* said that "China is firmly opposed to setting an artificial timeframe for the Security Council reform and rejects the forcible vote on any formula on which there still exist significant differences

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

ISEC and PDDIP Schemes

334. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:-

(a) the details of Interest Subsidy Eligibility Certificate Scheme (ISECS) and Product Development Design Intervention and Packaging Scheme (PDDIPS) implemented by Government;

(b) the details of funds allocated to States under these Schemes during the last three years, State-wise;

(c) whether Government propose to set up a fund with an initial amount of Rs. 100 crore for the regeneration of traditional industries; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) Under the Interest Subsidy Eligibility Certificate (ISEC) Scheme, implemented by the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC), loans at the concessional rate of interest of 4 per cent per annum for assessed requirement of capital expenditure and working capital are made available by banks to registered institutions producing khadi and polyvastra items. The difference between the actual interest rate of the bank and 4 per cent is paid by the Central Government through KVIC to the lending bank. The Product Development Design Intervention and Packaging (PRODIP) Scheme aims at assisting product quality improvement, introduction of new designs, marketing and packaging of khadi and village industry products. Under this Scheme, assistance is limited to (i) Rs. 2 lakh per project per year or 75 per cent of the project cost, whichever is lower, in cases of eligible institutional entities and (ii) Rs. 1 lakh per project per year or 75 per cent of the project cost, whichever is lower, in cases of eligible individual entrepreneurial units.

(b) The State/Union Territory (UT)-wise details of Interest Subsidy Eligibility Certificates issued by the KVIC and actual availment thereof during the last three years are given in Statements-I, II and III (See below). Since implementation of the PRODIP scheme started in 2003-04 only, the details of funds allocated to the States/UTs for the year 2003-04 and 2004-05 are given in Statement-IV enclosed.

(c) and (d) In keeping with the declaration in the National Common Minimum Programme and the annoucement in the July 2004 budget speech of Finance Minister, a draft scheme titled the "Scheme of Fund for Regeneration of Traditional Industries" (SFURTI), covering traditional industries like coir, khadi and village industries, has been prepared. The draft Scheme, with projected commencement during 2005-06, is based on a "cluster approach" and has been circulated to the Central Ministries/ Departments concerned for their comments, prior to final approval.

Statement-I

State/UT-Wise details of ISECs issued and actual availment during 2002-03

(Rs. crore)

SI. No.	States/ Union Territories	ISECS Issued		Total	Availment		Total
		Khadi	Vl		Khadi	Vl	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	North Zone						
1	Chandigarh	0.00	0.04	0.04	0.00	0.04	0.04
2	Delhi	1.33	0.09	1.42	0.34	0.03	0.37
3	Haryana	13.43	1.47	14.90	7.09	0.62	7.71
4	Himachal Pradesh	7.22	28.15	35.37	6.58	26.90	33.48
5	Jammu & Kashmir	2.09	0.03	2.12	1.02	0.03	1.05
6	Punjab	13.00	5.40	18.40	10.00	5.35	15.35
7	Rajasthan	14.92	4.66	19.58	11.93	0.52	12.45
	TOTAL-!	51.99	39.84	91.83	36.96	33.49	70.45
II	Eastern Zone						
8	Andaman & Nicobar Island	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
9	Bihar	8.54	0.32	8.86	4.15	0.05	4.20
10	Orissa	2.57	0.66	3.23	1.08	0.34	1.42
11	West Bengal	9.86	0.09	9.95	5.77	0.09	5.86
	TOTAL-II	20.97	1.07	22.04	11.00	0.48	11.48
III	North Eastern Zone						
12	Arunachal Pradesh	0.02	0.00	0.02	0.02	0.00	0.02
13	Assam	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
14	Manipur	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
15	Meghalaya	0.02	0.00	D.02	0.00	0.00	0.00
16	Mizoram	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
17	Nagaland	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
18	Sikkim	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
19	Tripura	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	TOTAL-III	0.04	0.00	0.04	0.02	0.00	0.02
.IV	South Zone						
20	Andhra Pradesh	1.91	0.13	2.04	1.54	0.06	1.60
21	Karnataka	19.08	3.32	22.40	15.50	2.60	18.10
22	Kerala	12.46	1.26	13.72	6.15	1.26	7.41
23	Lakshadweep	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
24	Pondicherry	0.33	0.00	0.33	0.33	0.00	0.33
25	Tamil Nadu	70.81	4.99	75.80	47.33	2.68	50.01
	TOTAL-IV	104.59	9.70	114.29	70.85	6.60	77.45

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
V	Western Zone Goa	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
26	Gujarat	36.06	9.91	45.97	32.97	9.77	42.74
27	Maharashtra	9.97	11.39	21.36	9.96	11.39	21.35
28							
	TOTAL-V	46.03	21.30	67.33	42.93	21.16	64.09
Vl	Central Zone	48,91	0.37	49.28	15.25	0.35	15.60
29	Madhya Pradesh	105.29	16.44	121.73	76.46	13.93	90.39
30	Uttar Pradesh						
	TOTAL-VI	154.20	16.81	171.01	91.71	14.28	105.99
VII	Departmental	0.25	0.00	0.25	0.25	0.00	0.25
	GRAND TOTAL	378.07	88.72	466.79	253.72	76.01	329.73

Note: Vl-Village Industry (e.g., poiyvastra items)

Statement-ll

State-wise details of lSECs issued and actual availment during 2003-04

(Rs. crore)

SI. No	States/Union	ISECS Issued			Actual Availment		
		Khadi	Vl	Total	Khadi	Vl	Total
1	North Zone						
1	Chandigarh	0.04	0.00	0.04	0.04	0.00	0.04
2	Delhi	1.39	0.03	1.42	0.35	0.03	0.38
3	Haryana	17.27	1.10	18.37	13.88	0.31	14.19
4	Himachal Pradesh	7.22	26.95	34.17	6.96	21.91	28.87
5	Jammu & Kashmir	3.33	0.03	3.36	3.33	0.00	3.33
6	Punjab	14.09	0.07	14.16	10.98	0.07	11.05
7	Rajasthan	27.82	5.91	33.73	22.2	0.66	22.86
	TOTAL -1	71.16	34.09	105.25	57.74	22.98	80.72
II	East Zone						
1	Andaman & Nicobar	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0
2	Bihar	11.08	0.05	11.13	11.08	0.05	11.13
3	Jharkhand	3.72	0.00	3.72	3.72	0.00	3.72
4	Orissa	3.93	0.22	4.15	2.43	0.06	2.49
5	West Bengal	16.92	0.38	17.30	9.15	0.09	9.24
	TOTAL-II	35.65	0.65	36.30	26.38	0.20	26.58
III	North East Zone						
1	Arunachal Pradesh	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0
2	Assam	0.02	0.00	0.02	0.02	0.00	0.02
3	Manipur	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
4	Meghalaya	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0
5	Mizoram	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0
6	Nagaland	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0
7	Tripura	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0
8	Sikkim	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0
	TOTAL-III	0.02	0.00	0.02	0.02	0.00	0.02
IV	South Zone						
1	Andhra Pradesh	6.27	0.71	6.98	1.98	0.06	2.04
2	Karnataka	4.27	11.28	15.55	3.19	10.15	13.34
3	Kerala	18.52	1.26	19.78	6.27	1.26	7.53
4	Lakshadweep	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0
5	Pondicherry	0.14	0.02	0.16	0.14	0.00	0.14
6	Tamil Nadu	7.1.00	4.65	75.65	32.6	2.72	35.32
	TOTAL-IV	100.20	17.92	118.12	44.18	14.19	58.37
V	West Zone						
1	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0
2	Daman & Diu	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0
3	Goa	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0
4	Gujarat	37.34	9.04	46.38	35:91	6.88	42.79
5	Maharashtra	9.92	11.41	21.33	8.45	7.40	15.85
	TOTAL-V	47.26	20.45	67.71	44.36	14.28	58.64
Vl	Central Zone						
1	Chhattisgarh	4.22	0.00	4.22	4.22	0.00	4.22
2	Madhya Pradesh	25.71	0.58	26.29	24.01	0.58	24.59
3	Uttaranchal	4.81	0.17	4.98	4.81	0.17	4.98
4	Uttar Pradesh	97.91	24.81	122.72	92.91	11.52	104.43
	TOTAL-VI	132.65	25.56	158.21	125.95	12.27	138.22
VII	Departmental	0.15	0.00	0.15	0.15	0.00	0.15
	GRAND TOTAL	387.09	98.67	485.76	298.78	63.92	362.70

Note: Vl-Village Industry (e.g., poiyvastra items)

Statement III

State-wise details of lSECs issued and actual availment during 2004-05

(Rs. in crore)

SI. No.	States/Union Territories	lSECs Issued			Availment		
		Khadi	Vl	Total	Khadi	Vl	Total
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1 1	North Zone	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2 3	Chandigarh	0.64	0.11	.0.65	0.35	0.03	0.38
	Delhi	17.10	1.74	18.84	7.05	0.00	7.05
	Haryana						

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
4	Himachal Pradesh	8.62	0.04	8.66	7.03	0.00	7.03
5	Jammu & Kashmir	1.51	0.03	1.54	1.00	0.03	1.03
6	Punjab	11.11	0.05	11.16	9.89	0.81	10.70
7	Rajasthan	24.62	0.11	24.73	11.76	0.08	11.84
	TOTAL -1	63.50	2.08	65.68	37.08	0.95	38.03
II	East Zone						
1	Andaman & Nicobar islands	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2	Bihar	9.97	0.74	10.71	3.73	0.05	3.78
3	Jharkhand	5.15	0.14	5.29	1.39	0.04	1.43
4	Orissa	1.54	0.31	1.85	1.24	0.25	1.49
5	West bengal	15.44	0.34	15.78	8.00	0.09	8.09
	TOTAL-II	32.10	1.53	33.63	14.36	0.43	14.79
III	Nort:h East Zone						
1	Arunachal Pradesh	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2	Assam	0.02	0.00	0.02	0.02	0.00	0.02
3	Manipur	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4	Meghalaya	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5	Mizoram	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
6	Nagaland	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
7	Tripura	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
8	Sikkim	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	TOTAL-III	0.02	0.00	0.02	0.02	0.00	0.02
IV	South Zone						
1	Andhra Pradesh	4.62	0.54	5.16	2.13	0.06	2.19
2	Karnataka	3.24	0.26	3.50	2.13	0.07	2.20
3	Kerala	19.85	1.09	20.94	6.04	0.03	6.07
4	Lakshadweep	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5	Pondicherry	0.19	0.02	0.21	0.04	0.00	0.04
6	Tamil Nadu	52.66	8.55	61.21	38.41	4.62	43.03
	TOTAL- IV	80.56	10.46	91.02	48.75	4.78	53.53
V	West Zone						
1	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2	Daman & diu	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3	Goa	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4	Gujarat	49.32	10.97	60.29	32.73	6.28	39.01
5	Maharashtra	2.29	8.82	11.11	0.71	8.70	9.41
	TOTAL-V	51.61	19.79	71.40	33.44	14.98	48.42
Vl	Central Zone						
1	Chhattisgarh	2.23	0.12	2.35	0.10	0.00	0.10
2	Madhya Pradesh	25.71	0.58	26.29	24.01	0.58	24.59

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
3	Uttaranchal	7.31	0.19	7.5	2.79	0.00	2.79
4	Uttar Pradesh	106.06	23.55	129.61	77.38	10.54	87.92
	TOTAL-VI	141.31	24.44	165.75	104.28	11.12	115.40
VII	Departmental	19.28	0.00	19.28	8.28	0.00	8.28
	GRAND TOTAL:	388.38	58.30	446.68	246.21	32.26	278.47

Note: Vl- Village Industry *(e.g.,* polyvastra items)

Statement-IV

State-wise details of funds released under PRODIP Scheme during 2003-04 and 2004-05

(Rs. lakh)

SI.No	1. State/Union Territories	Fund Released 2003-04	2004-05
1.	Andhra Pradesh	7.50	11.25
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	2.00	2.00
3.	Assam	7.51	5.00
4.	Bihar	5.00	7.50
5.	Chhattisgarh	2.50	5.75
6.	Goa	—	1.50
7.	Gujarat	7.16	7.50
8.	Haryana	3.00	3.75
9.	Himachal Pradesh	3.00	3.75
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	2.50	3.00
11.	Jharkhand	3.00	3.75
12.	Karnataka	5.00	13.50
13.	Kerala	18.39	3.75
14.	Madhya Pradesh	4.00	7.50
15.	Maharashtra	5.00	3.75
16.	Manipur	2.00	2.00
17.	Meghalaya	—	2.00
18.	Mizoram	2.00	2.00
19.	Nagaland	2.00	2.00
20.	Orissa	5.52	3.75
21.	Punjab	2.72	3.75

1	2	3	4
22.	Rajasthan	6.50	11.25
23.	Sikkim	—	2.00
24.	Tamil Nadu	7.50	22.50
25.	Tripura	—	2.00
26.	Uttar Pradesh	11.77	18.00
27.	Uttaranchal	3.00	3.75
28.	West Bengal	12,18	13.50
29.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	—	—
30.	Chandigarh	—	—
31.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	—	—
32.	Delhi	3.59	3.00
33.	Daman & Diu	—	—
34.	Pondicherry	—	—
35.	Lakshadweep	—	—
36.	Silvasa	—	—
37.	Departmental Units of KVIC	—	—
	TOTAL:	134.34	174.75

Agro-based industries in NE Region

335. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES the pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is need of taking steps to promote agro-based industries in the rural areas of the country, more particularly in the North-East Region ridden with poverty;

(b) if so, the projects and schemes launched in the North-East region to provide empk)yment to unemployed youth; end

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) Yet, Sir.

(b) The Government has been implementing the Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP), a credit-linked subsidy programme, through the Khadi and Village Industries Commssion (KVIC), throughout the country, including the NE Region, to assist eligible applicants in setting up labour-intensive industries in the rural areas and small towns with population up to 20,000 and thus ganerate additional